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SUBJ: ARAFAT VISIT TO USSR

REF: STATE 168671

1. EMBASSY BELIVES THAT BEST PERSON WITH WHOM
TO RAISE ARAFAT MATTER (REFTEL) WOULD BE PYRLIN,
DEPUTY CHIEF MFA MEAR EAST DIVISION. PYRLIN IS OUT
OF TOWN, BUT WE WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WHEN HE RETURNS
NEXT WEEK.

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2. ACCORDING TO SOVIET PRESS, RECENT ARAFAT VISIT

TO USSR TOOK PLACE DURING JUST COMPLETED WORLD
UNIVERSITY GAMES (UNIVERSIADE) AT INVATION OF
GAMES' ORGANIZAING COMMITTEE. AUGUST 26 PRAVDA AND
IZVESTIYA CARRY ARTICLES DESCRIBING ARAFAT'S VISIT.
HE IS SAID TO HAVE PUBLICIZED PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SOVIET SUPPORT OF PALES-
TINIANS IN MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSIADE DELEGATIONS, SOVIET
COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND
AFRICA AND OTHERS (UNSPECIFIED). PRESS HERE DID NOT
CARRY TASS REPORT ON ARAFAT MEETING WITH KOMSOMOL FIRST
SECRETARY TYAZHELNIKOV (REFTEL, AND NO MENTION WAS MADE
OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS DURING VISIT.

3. COMMENT: PRESS HANDLING INDICATES SOVIETS WANTED
AVOID ANY INDICATION THAT THIS WAS OFFICIAL VISIT.
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